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Small Grain Yields Mixed From July

Based on conditions as of August 1, Idaho's small grain yields are mixed from a month ago, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 77.0 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the July 1 forecast, and down 2 bushels from 2004. Production of 34.7 million bushels from 450,000 harvested acres is down 10 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield of 91.0 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from July but up 1 bushel from a year ago and if realized, would be a record high for the state. Producers expect to harvest 730,000 acres with a total production of 66.4 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year. Barley production is forecast at 56.1 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year's 59.8 million bushels. Harvested acreage, at 610,000 acres, is 40,000 acres less than last year. The expected yield of 92.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from 2004. Oat yield increased 2 bushels from last month and is up 1 bushel from last year. Production from 20,000 harvested acres is expected to total 1.46 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago. Sugarbeet production of 4.53 million tons from 167,000 harvested acres is down 18 percent from a year ago. Yield of 27.1 tons per acre is down from 2004's 28.7 tons. Dry bean production is expected to total 1.91 million cwt from 98,000 harvested acres, an increase in production of 17 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,950 pounds per acre (clean basis), down 150 pounds from last year. Alfalfa hay production is estimated to be 4.60 million tons, a 3 percent decrease from 2004. The expected yield for alfalfa is 3.90 tons per acre, down from last year's 4.00 tons. Other hay production is expected to total 660,000 tons, up 5 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is estimated at 2.20 tons per acre, up from last year's 2.10 tons. Apple production is estimated at 65 million pounds, down 25 million pounds from 2004. Prune and plum production is expected to total 2,000 tons, down from last year's 4,000 tons. Hop producers are expected to harvest 3,277 acres with a yield of 1,600 pounds per acre and production of 5.24 million pounds in 2005.

For the United States, all wheat production is forecast at 2.17 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the July forecast but up slightly from 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.0 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month and 0.2 bushel below last year. Winter wheat production is expected to total 1.52 billion bushels. This is down slightly from last month but 1 percent above 2004. The U. S. Yield is forecast at 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month. Spring wheat production is forecast at 553 million bushels, down 6 percent from last month and 3 percent below 2004. Barley production is forecast at 237 million bushels down 3 percent from the July forecast and 15 percent below 2004. Oat production is forecast at 128 million bushels, 3 percent below the July 1 forecast, but 10 percent above last year's 116 million bushels. Dry bean production is forecast at 25.8 million cwt in 2005, up 45 percent from last year and 15 percent above two years ago. Sugarbeet production for 2005 is forecast at 26.6 million tons, 11 percent below last year's production. Corn for grain is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year but up 3 percent from 2003. Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 73.8 million tons, down 2 percent from last year and 3 percent below 2003. Other hay production is forecast at 76.1 million tons, down 8 percent from last year. Prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 10,700 tons, down 57 percent from last year and 34 percent below 2003. Apple production is forecast at 9.84 billion pounds, down 6 percent from last year but 12 percent above 2003.

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